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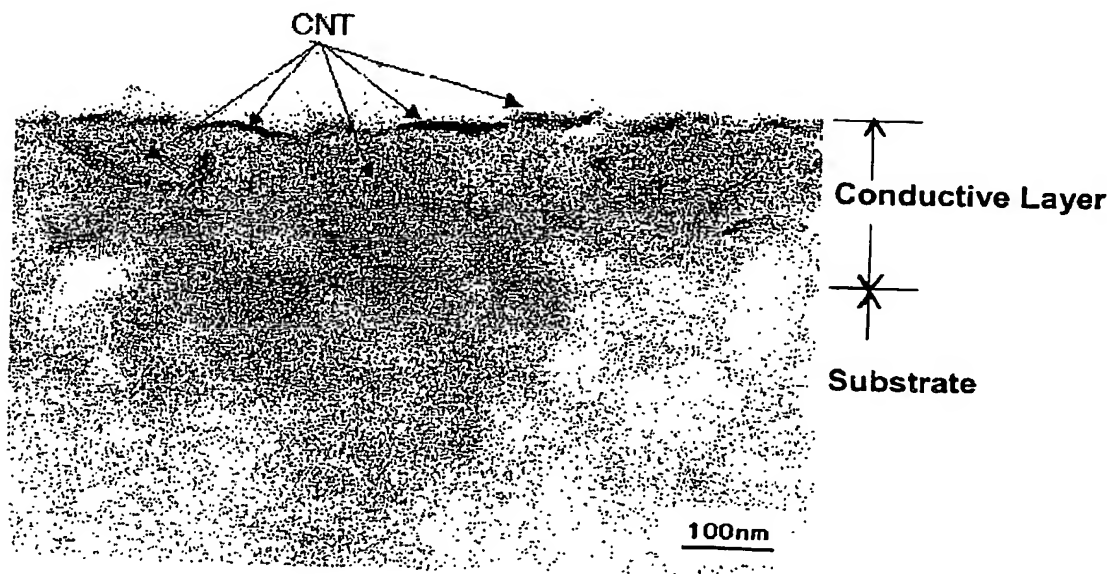
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(57) Abstract: A conductive article includes a substrate and a conductive layer that is formed on the surface of the substrate and contains fine conductive fibers that are dispersed in the conductive layer. One end of the fibers is fixed to the substrate and other end of the fibers protrude from the top surface of the conductive layer. Alternatively, a middle portion of the fibers may protrude from the top surface or fixed to the substrate. Even though the fibers are dispersed well enough to avoid the aggregation of the fibers, portions of the fibers are located close to each other enough to provide electrical contact.

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